

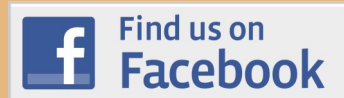


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HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY 2016

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) is February 7. Blacks accounted for 53% of newly diagnosed HIV infections in Missouri for 2014, despite representing only 12% of the population. New HIV brochures are currently available in the Department warehouse, titled "Keeping Free from HIV" (there is one available for men and one available for women); order them at <http://health.mo.gov/warehouse/e-l-sdp-hsh.html>. For information on educating communities and to obtain a toolkit for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, go to <http://nationalblackaidsday.org/>. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis encourage the use of routine opt-out HIV screening in all healthcare settings. For more information, please contact the Bureau at 573-751-6439.

NEW CELL PHONE APP HELPS DIAGNOSE AND TREAT ORAL HEALTH ISSUES

The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's (STFM) [Smiles for Life Oral Health App](#) is intended to help family physicians, nurse practitioners, and other providers formulate diagnoses and management plans for oral health issues in real time. According to the article, providers can select an algorithm, based on a patient's concerns or physical examination findings. The decision tool will present a series of questions, to help formulate a diagnosis and treatment plan. In addition, providers can use the app to view "an extensive photo gallery of tooth and oral soft tissue findings". The app is part of STFM's national [Smiles for Life](#) oral health curriculum. This application is available for Apple and Android cell phones. Please visit the Smiles for Life web page, for more information.

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

January is National Radon Action Month. Radon is a gas that you cannot see, smell, or taste. Testing is the only way to know if radon levels are high in a particular home or office. Request a free residential test kit today: <https://www.health.mo.gov/living/environment/radon/testkit.php>. The attached [flyer](#) may be posted and distributed as you wish.

LPHA Job Opportunities

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

CERTIFICATION BOARD EXAMINATION NEWS 2016

The Missouri Board of Certification will be giving the examinations for Missouri Certification and National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist (RS/REHS) Certification prior to the Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association (MMFEHA) Conference. Both exams will be given on Tuesday, April 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center in Springfield. Anyone that is interested in taking either of the exams will need to contact Laura Whiffen at 417-864-1426 or via e-mail at lwhiffen@springfieldmo.gov. Applications for the Missouri exam can be obtained at www.mmfeha.org; hover over Board of Certification and click 'resources'. You will then be taken to the resource page and you will be able to click on the application in the 'how do I' section of the page. Applications for the Missouri exam must be completed and sent to Laura by March 18. Reference materials and the study guide for the NEHA RS/REHS exam are available from the Missouri Board of Certification.

BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

January is recognized as Missouri Birth Defects Prevention and Awareness Month to remind all women of childbearing age what steps can be taken to promote a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby. Since nearly half of all pregnancies are unplanned, it is critical that all women capable of becoming pregnant maintain optimal health preconceptionally (before getting pregnant) and interconceptionally (between pregnancies). To improve birth outcomes and reduce the risk of birth defects, take a multivitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid daily. To prevent up to 70% of serious birth defects; abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs; monitor medication and prescription drugs; avoid exposure to secondhand smoke and harmful chemicals; have a preconception check-up followed by early and regular prenatal care; and learn your family medical history. For more information please visit <http://health.mo.govpregnancyandbeyond> or call the Bureau of Genetics and Healthy Childhood at 800-877-6246.

FEDERAL NURSE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT OPENS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

With the changes in the Federal Nurse Corp Loan repayment program, public health nurses now have a new opportunity to access this great resource. The application cycle just opened, and there will be two technical assistance conference calls over the next month. Please share this with public health nurses who may have student loans or are considering furthering their education. More information can be found at: http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/?utm_campaign=2016+NURSE+Corps+Loan+Repayment+Program+Application+Cycle+is+Now&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery. Health care facilities must have a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Designation by January 1, 2016 to be considered a Critical Shortage Facility (CSF), and they must have an eligible service site for NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program (LRP) participants. Check your HPSA score here: <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/GeoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx>.

QUITLINE SERVICES FOR VETERANS

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), provides a national, toll-free smoking cessation quitline (Quit VET) for veterans who need support to quit smoking. Trained smoking cessation counselors work with veterans to develop a personalized quit plan and discuss strategies to prevent smoking relapses. Veterans can receive up to four follow-up telephone calls to help them stay quit. Quit VET counselors are knowledgeable about the VA health care system and encourage veterans to also see their VA health care provider for support in quitting smoking. Quit VET is not meant to replace existing quitline services available through 1-800-QUIT-NOW. It is available only to veterans who receive their health care in the VA health care system. Quit VET services are available in both English and Spanish by calling 1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET. For more information, please visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/smoking>.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Vena Refresher Training - Registration Now Open
- New USDA's "And Justice For All" Poster - Bilingual Version
- Breastfeeding Conference Save-the-Date - March 18 - Joplin
- Breastfeeding Coordinator Training
- From The WIC Operations Manual (WOM) - Program Violations ER# 1.06200
- Joplin City WIC Retirement Reception
- Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Corner

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

WELCOME NEW MISSOURI DENTAL DIRECTOR

Dr. John Dane, DDS, started as the State of Missouri Dental Director on January 4. Dr. Dane is a graduate of University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry and he completed his residency at Eastman Dental Center, in Rochester, New York. John is a diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry, and he retired from Truman Medical Center Lakewood and UMKC School of Dentistry on December 1, 2015, after 38 years. John is married to Rhessa; they have three children and six grandchildren and still maintain a home in Lees Summit. Dr. Dane has experience as a director of a large safety net clinic, the Elks Mobile Dental Program, and a mobile school-based dental program in Independence.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

GROWING COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP – February 25-26

The City of St. Joseph Health Department is pleased to announce that the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) will be conducting a "Growing Communities Workshop" on February 25-26 at the Remington Nature Center in St. Joseph. If you are involved in community gardens, or if you know someone who could benefit from this training, please share. This is a training you will not want to miss!

About the workshop:

In the past several years, there has been a tremendous growth of community gardening, but often the focus is only on building the physical infrastructure of the gardens – raised beds, water systems, and fencing. However, based on more than 30 years of experience, ACGA recognizes that there needs to be as much, if not more, attention to developing the human infrastructure – the COMMUNITY – of the garden. The goal of the ACGA Growing Communities Workshop is to build SUSTAINABLE community gardens. Growing Communities is an in-depth, two-day hands-on workshop based on the ACGA's curriculum for community development, Growing Communities: Community Building and Organizational Development through Community Gardening. Attached you will find an [information page](#) with a sample [agenda](#). Registration fee for this two-day workshop is \$25. Registration is now open, so click [here](#) to get registered.

Tuberculosis (TB) ORIENTATION FOR LPHAS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – March and April

TB Orientation training for the local public health agencies (LPHAs) and other health care providers is being offered at various locations across the state. The Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) TB Program staff will provide information and education about basic concepts related to TB prevention and control. Topics covered will include information needed for TB diagnosis, management of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) and active TB disease, and basic treatment options for TB. Registration is free but required, as class size is limited to ensure that sufficient handouts are available. If you would like to attend, please complete and e-mail the [registration form](#) to Diana Winder at diana.winder@health.mo.gov or fax to 573-526-0234 by February 29. If you have questions or need more information regarding this training, please call Diana Winder at 573-526-5832.

TB CONTACT INVESTIGATION TRAINING – March 23 & 24 and April 13 & 14

The TB Contact Investigation training is being offered by DHSS' TB Program. This is a two-day skill-building workshop that will focus on improving the abilities of staff that are responsible for conducting TB contact investigation interviews. The training will provide an overview of the contact investigation process and basic communication and interviewing skills. If you would like to attend, please complete and e-mail the [registration form](#) to Diana Winder at diana.winder@health.mo.gov or fax to 573-526-0234 by March 7. Click [here](#) to view the [agenda](#) for this training. If you have questions or need more information regarding this training, please call Diana Winder at 573-526-5832.

PRINCIPLES OF EPIDEMIOLOGY – May 17 & 18 and September 7 & 8

The purpose of the Principles of Epidemiology course is to prepare public health professionals to conduct communicable disease surveillance and epidemiologic investigations. This course is open to Missouri local public health agencies (LPHAs) and DHSS. The training is made up of two parts: on-line training modules and in-person classroom training. The on-line training includes eight modules with a quiz following each module. Training participants are required to have a passing score of 80% on all eight module quizzes prior to attending the in-person training. Please note, the modules take about **8 weeks** to complete. You can access the on-line modules at the following link: <http://health.mo.gov/training/epi/Instructions.html>. The in-person training is comprised of two days of classroom exercises in Jefferson City. Additionally, all participants have the option of attending a half-day review of the on-line modules the day before the classroom exercises begin. There is no registration fee for Principles of Epidemiology. Participants will be responsible for hotel accommodations, meals, and travel expenses. If you would like to attend, please complete the [registration form](#). If you have questions, please contact Diana Winder at diana.winder@health.mo.gov or call 573-751-6268. The two-day classroom trainings are scheduled for May 17 and 18, and September 7 and 8.

For other training opportunities, please see Links to Valuable Resources on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST I-III - Audrain County Health Department

The Audrain County Health Department is seeking interested applicants with the following minimum qualifications: a Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college/university, with major specialization (30 semester hours) in one, or a combination of, the following: biology, chemistry, bacteriology, food science, soil science, environmental health, or in closely-related physical or natural sciences. Applicants must have excellent written, verbal, and organizational skills; public health experience is preferred, but not required. Responsibilities include a variety of inspections relating to environmental public health programs including the following: individual water and on-site wastewater treatment systems; food and facility sanitation; food safety inspection; food and waterborne disease prevention and outbreak investigation; child care facility sanitation and safety; commercial lodging sanitation and safety; vector control; environmental public health factors related to disaster response and/or food transportation accidents; response to food recalls; and environmental epidemiology programs concerning toxic and hazardous chemicals and their risk assessment. Resumes and cover letters may be submitted by mail to: Sandra Hewlett, MS, APRN, FACHE, Administrator, Audrain County Health Department, 1130 S. Elmwood Drive, PO Box 957, Mexico, MO 65265. They may also be submitted via e-mail to shewlett@audraincountyhealth.org. Applications must be received by Friday, February 12. EOE

REGISTERED DIETICIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Franklin County Health Department

The Franklin County Health Department has an immediate opening for a full-time Registered Dietician or Nutritionist with their Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. The person in this position will be responsible for planning and implementation of the nutritional components of the WIC program, as well as, providing nutrition and breast feeding counseling and education to eligible families. WIC experience is desired. If interested please contact Angie Hittson, Director, at 636-583-7312 or e-mail at hittsa@lpha.mopublic.org.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR – Nodaway County Health Center

The Nodaway County Board of Health is seeking an experienced professional for the position of **Public Health Administrator**. This position performs highly responsible administrative, financial, and managerial work on an independent basis. Starting salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, with an excellent benefits package. Resumes with references can be sent to the Board of Trustees, Nodaway County Health Center, 2416 South Main, Maryville, MO 64468 or to watkid@LPHA.mopublic.org. Closing date is February 26, or until a suitable candidate is found.

Peter Lyskowski, Acting Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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